

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket No. D.T.E. 02-24/25
Responses to the Attorney General's Fourth Set of Information Requests

Request No. AG-4-14 (Gas)

Please provide the history dollar amount and feet of main replaced under the Company's cast iron main replacement program that was ordered by the Department.

Response:

The history dollar amount and feet of main replaced under the Company's cast iron main replacement program is provided below. Refer also to the response to Information Request DTE 1-37 for additional information on the Company's cast iron replacement program.

Year	Dollar in \$1,000	Feet
2001	\$1,225	11,829
2000	\$1,261	9,847
1999	\$707	3,126*
1998	\$352	4,611
1997	\$381	4,237
1996	\$283	4,148
1995	\$327	4,515
1994	\$193	4,475
1993	\$209	4,146

- * In the response to DTE 1-37, Attachment 1 listed the abandonment figure for 1999 as 4,346 feet. This disparity resulted from year-end project timing; work undertaken in 1999 was not posted as abandoned until 2000. Thus, the CY 2000 footage (above) includes work initiated in 1999.

The large increase in expenditures and footage reflects the terms of a Compliance Agreement between the Department of Telecommunications and Energy and Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company under D.T.E. 00-PL-05. The agreement called for FG&E to replace 2 miles of cast iron pipe annually, commencing CY 2000. This requirement was subsequently reduced to 7500' for 2000, and 2 miles annually thereafter. Prior to this agreement, FG&E's cast iron replacement program targeted the replacement or abandonment of 3960 feet of cast iron pipe annually.

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